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SUBJECT: NPT RATIFICATION

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1. A CAREFUL CANVASS OF FOREIGN MINISTRY SOURCES RESPONSIBLE FOR AND INTERESTED IN NPT HAS PRODUCED THE VARIOUS REASONS CITED IN REFTEL FOR DELAY BY ITALY IN RATIFYING NPT. CANVASS ALSO DEVELOPED WHAT WE BELIEVE TO BE THE REAL REASON.

2. PERSISTENT REVIEW OF NPT RATIFICATION QUESTION WITH CONTACTS HAS PRODUCED EXPLANATION BY BOTH PETRIGNANI AND FONTANA GIUSTI  
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( FOREIGN MINISTRY DISARMAMENT OFFICE DIRECTOR) THAT ITALY DOES NOT RPT NOT WISH TO BE IN VANGUARD OF EUROPEAN POWERS RATIFYING NPT NOR DOES GOI FEEL THERE IS ANY REASON TO MOVE AHEAD WITH NPT RATIFICATION AT THIS TIME. PETRIGNANI STATES THAT ON OTHER HAND GOI FEELS RATIFICATION OF IAEA SAFEGUARDS AGREEMENT TO BE URGENT IN ORDER THAT UNINTERRUPTED SUPPLIES OF NUCLEAR MATERIALS MAY BE ASSURED. BOTH PETRIGNANI AND FONTANA GIUSTI ARE OF THE VIEW THAT RATIFICATION OF SAFEGUARDS AGREEMENT BY GOI WILL PRECLUDE ANY POSSIBILITY OF ACCUSATIONS OF VIOLATION OF ARTICLE III OF NPT ON PART OF SUPPLIERS OF FISSIONABLE MATERIAL TO ITALY.

3. MEANWHILE GOI SEES NO PROBLEM IN BEING COURTED BY OTHER POWERS ( READ USSR) SEEKING ITALIAN RATIFICATION OF NPT. ITALIAN RELUCTANCE IS A CARD TO BE PLAYED NOT ONLY WITH REGARD TO ITALIAN AMBITIONS FOR DESIGNATED SEAT ON IAEA BOARD OF GOVERNORS BUT ALSO POSSIBLY IN OTHER FORA SUCH AS CSCE. FONTANA GIUSTI SEES A NUMBER OF AREAS WHERE DESIRE FOR GOI RATIFICATION OF NPT COULD ACHIEVE USEFUL RESULTS.

4. WITH REGARD TO PARA 5 REFTTEL, WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT CONCERN ABOUT ALLEGED PARLIAMENTARY OPPOSITION IS SERIOUS PROBLEM AT THE TIME. WE BELIEVE THAT EFFORT TO MOVE ITALY AHEAD CAN ONLY BE FRUITFUL IF OTHER EURATOM MEMBERS ARE PREPARED TO RATIFY PROMPTLY. FURTHER, IMPENDING GOVT CRISIS MAKES IT HIGHLY UNLIKELY THAT NEW POLICY DECISIONS CAN BE OBTAINED IN IMMEDIATE FUTURE. IT WILL BE HELPFUL, HOWEVER, IF DEPT CAN LET US KNOW ( A) WHICH EUROPEAN POWERS HAVE RATIFIED OR ARE ABOUT TO RATIFY NPT TO DATE AND ( B) WHETHER ITALIAN UNDERSTANDING CORRECT THAT RATIFICATION OF SAFEGUARDS AGREEMENT REMOVES PROBLEM OF POSSIBLE VIOLATION OF NPT ARTICLE III IN FURTHER DELIVERIES OF FISSIONABLE MATERIALS TO ITALY. BEAUDRY

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